

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT : THAI SECURITY SITUATION

REF: A. STATE 204001

B. BANGKOK 16448

FOR DEPUTY SECRETARY AND ACTING ASST SEC HUMMEL FROM UNGER

1. ALTHOUGH SITUATION HERE OUTWARDLY CALM AND NO FURTHER VIOLENCE APPEARS THREATENED, STABILITY OF NEW GOVERNMENT COULD QUICKLY BE SHAKEN IF EITHER STUDENTS OR MILITARY SHOULD ABANDON THEIR CURRENT MODERATE, REASONABLE POSTURES. POSSIBILITY ALSO EXISTS THAT LESS MODERATE STUDENTS AND OTHER EXTREMISTS WILL SEEK TO EXPLOIT MORE OPEN SITUATION BROUGHT ABOUT BY SUCCESS OF STUDENT PROTEST. THEREFORE, ALTHOUGH I HAVE FULLEST CONFIDENCE IN ED MASTERS' ABILITY TO DIRECT THE OPERATION AND EARLIER SAW NO NEED FOR LENGTHY POSTPONEMENT OF MY DEPARTURE (REF B), I NOW CONSIDER IT MORE PRUDENT TO REMAIN UNTIL SHORTLY BEFORE KINTNER'S ARRIVAL.

2. I WILL SEEK OVER COMING TWO WEEKS TO CLARIFY FURTHER THE POSITIONS OF NEW GOVERNMENT ON MATTERS OF PRIME CONCERN TO US, INCLUDING NARCOTICS, PRIVATE FOREIGN BUSINESS AND INVESTMENT AND OUR MILITARY PRESENCE. I RECOMMEND,  
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HOWEVER, THAT WE APPROACH THESE MATTERS CAUTIOUSLY TO AVOID OUR PRECIPITATING ANYTHING LESS THAN SATISFACTORY RESPONSES BY PRESSING FOR ANSWERS BEFORE THE GROUND IS WELL PREPARED. IF I DETECT DEVELOPING CONFRONTATIONS BETWEEN THE RTG AND

THE MILITARY OR THE STUDENTS, OR BETWEEN THOSE LATTER GROUPS,  
I WILL USE ALL APPROPRIATE RESOURCES OF THIS MISSION TO  
FORESTALL SAME.

3. APPROPRIATE NEW TARGET FOR MY DEPARTURE WOULD APPEAR  
TO BE NOVEMBER 12 OR 13 ON UNDERSTANDING KINTNER DUE  
NOVEMBER 15 OR SHORTLY THEREAFTER. PLEASE ADVISE.  
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